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TO: SECOG Board of Directors
FROM: Amanda Kennedy, Executive Director
DATE: May 7, 2026
SUBJECT: Monthly Executive Director's Report

Financial and Management Matters

a) Grants/Funding:

Active	Pending/Applied	On Horizon
USDOT- SS4A Regional Safety Action Plan ***complete***	CT DCRF- Yantic	2026 SS4A
CT DECD- Brownfields Assessment x4, **Remediation x 1**	CT DCRF- Jewett City	
US EPA- Brownfields		Recent Nos
DOD- Utilities Design ***complete***		
DOD- Utilities Infrastructure		
DOD- Compatible Use Plan		
CT DEEP- Materials Management Infrastructure (Windham)		
UConn TAB- Regional Brownfields Inventory		

b) Staffing:
   i) Three new staff on-boarded: Michelle Maitland - Regional Stormwater Management and Watersheds Coordinator; Phylicia Adams - Regional Housing Planner; Dr. Karen Pham - Climate Resilience and Sustainability Planner.
   ii) We are close to filling the vacant transportation planner position.
   iii) Second interviews with candidates for the half-time grants administrator position are scheduled for the week of 5/11; Josh Cingranelli will participate.
   iv) Three summer interns and a Sustainable CT fellow will join SECOG for the summer.

c) Events: Kate Rattan attended ITE's northeast conference in Newport and presented our Norwich downtown mobility planning work. SECOG was also featured in a session on safety action planning.

Municipal Services

a) Building Official: The Town of Montville has hired a full-time building official and will wind down its engagement with SECOG's program in May. The Town of Franklin has withdrawn

from SECOG's service as of April 15th. SECOG will then have capacity to assist additional towns- please contact me to discuss.

b) Planning: Taylor Lussier providing interim planner services to C of Groton (2 days/wk) and Stonington (1 day/wk).
c) GIS: ARPA-funded CAMA/GIS revisions underway.
d) Human Services Coordinating Council: April meeting to be rescheduled.

Regional Planning

a) Housing: Intro meetings held with elected leaders and commissioners in Ledyard, N Stonington, Stonington, St. Borough, and Sprague. Goal is to hold intro sessions with all municipalities by the end of June. The SECOG Housing Policy Committee is meeting monthly. Staff continue to engage with OPM and other COGs regarding needs assessment and overall process. With SECHA, held energy efficiency programs in Groton and Norwich. Kennedy, Zincavage met with HUD's CT team to review eastern CT needs.
b) Resilience:
    i) Resilient Yantic River: SECOG submitted application 1/15/26 for CT DCRF funds to further support project development. SECOG supporting City of Norwich/NCDC/CIRCA Climate Smart Communities Initiative Grant focused on managed retreat. SECOG reviewing BRIC opportunity.
    ii) Jewett City DCRF: SECOG submitted DCRF application 1/15/26 for this project and administer it due to limited staff capacity in Griswold.
c) Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (ON HOLD).
d) Regional Emergency Management: Hiring underway for staff. 2025 Homeland Security grant has been approved.
e) Brownfields: EPA Coalition grant project kicked off 5/6 with Windham site.
f) Defense: E CT Defense Industry Partnership continuing with staff support from UWSECT and seCTer. SECOG staffing subcommittees on housing and transportation. DOD-funded Compatible Use Plan and Water Main projects underway.
g) Stormwater & Watersheds:

Transportation

a) Safety
   i) Safe Streets for All: Grant opportunity related to SAP findings. Applications due May 26.
   ii) T2 center training for road safety audits, 5/28.

b) Transportation Rural Improvement Program: 1 application received.

c) LOTCIP: Tyler Frost has been designated project manager for LOTCIP. Start thinking about projects for next round possibly this fall. CTDOT is updating guidance, anticipate increase in minimum project cost. Status as of 5/1/2026:

Phase	Status	CTF Year	Cost	Project
Projects Completed/Pending Closeout	CTDOT conducting audit review	2016	$ 1,870,505	New London - Ocean Avenue
		2018	$ 1,693,238	Norwich- Dunham Street
		2016	$ 555,639	Montville - Old Colchester Road
		2018	$ 1,871,502	Waterford - Cross Road *waiting on Wtdf repmt*
	Municipal audit submission needed	2018	$ 784,240	Colchester - Halls Hill Road
		2019	$ 2,308,154	City of Groton - Poquonnock Road
		2019	$ 3,779,830	New London - Jefferson Avenue
		2022	$ 3,190,724	Ledyard - Gallup Hill Road/Col Ledyard Highway
Under Construction/Punch list and Acceptance		2023	$ 1,068,196	Colchester - Lebanon Avenue Phase III CCD 12/25
In Design/Received Commitment to Fund	PAL pending revision	2022	$ 1,582,800	Bozrah - Fitchville Road FDS 11/25
		2022	$ 4,658,608	New London – Williams/Broad Streets FDS 1/26
		2023	$ 2,850,578	Preston - Poquetanuck Road Phase I FDS 3/26
		2024	$ 3,690,400	East Lyme - East Pattagansett Road FDS 5/26
		2024	$ 3,722,800	Lisbon – River Rd/Route 12 FDS 5/26
		2024	$ 2,910,400	Norwich/Montville - NL Turnpike FDS 4/26
		2025	$ 2,628,000	Stonington - Taugwonk Road Bridge field work, FDS 5/27
		2024	$ 4,678,380	New London - Vauxhall Street FDS 1/28
		2026	$ 3,229,800	Waterford – Niantic River Rd
		2026	$ 1,703,600	Stonington - Route 1 Bicycle Facility
		2026	$ 3,224,800	Ledyard - Lantern Hill Rd Bridge
		2026	$ 4,002,800	Norwich - Hunters Rd Reconstruction CTF
Applications	Submitted to CTDOT		$ 820,800	2026: Colchester - RT616 Sidewalks
	Muni developing application		$ 907,200	2025: Windham – multiple sidewalk gaps
			$ 2,723,595	2025: Preston – Route 2A Phases 2 and 3

d) Active Transportation Microgrant Program ($5,000 bike/ped): Applications for this quarter are due 6/20. Eligible entities: schools, school districts, municipalities, health districts, and non-profits with 501(c)(3) status.

e) Senior/Disabled Vans: See 5310 agenda item.

f) Transit:

i) SEAT and City of NL working with CTDOT re Smart Ride Funding. SECOG received DOT approval for NL bus study; will issue RFP for consultants.

g) Corridor Studies: CTDOT staff is reviewing supplemental data for Norwich Downtown Mobility and East Lyme Route 161 studies, and will schedule programming meetings subject to administration availability.

h) CTDOT Projects and Informational Items
   i) SECOG is monitoring congestion on Gold Star Bridge and will engage as needed.

i) Coordination
   i) With CTDOT, planners from Preston, Montville, Norwich, and Ledyard, and stakeholders around improvements to Preston Riverwalk area.
   ii) With NL regarding safety improvements Willetts Ave.
   iii) With CTDOT regarding upcoming Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) project list.

Letters of Support

a) SECOG submitted letter of support for CT Sea Grant's application to Long Island Sound Futures Fund to expand use of the MyCoast flood monitoring system.